

\*\*\*\*\*November 9, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, November 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Vice Mayor Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Cheryl Graham  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the September 14, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Mayor Landrum requested one change to the minutes. The correction is on page 2, fifth paragraph so that the correction reads: "...Because more applications had come in, Mayor Landrum made a motion to table action on appointing members to the Personnel Committee." All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the September 28, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Mayor Landrum requested one change to the minutes. The correction is on page 4, ninth paragraph so that the correction reads: "...Mayor Landrum said the Town works with a small staff who work hard, and that regardless of pay scales, even when budgets are tight, residents continue to have high expectations." All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the October 26, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Mayor Landrum requested one change to the minutes. The correction is on page 3, first paragraph so that the correction reads: "...Mayor Landrum said the Library has received drawings of the proposed addition. He said the Tinker Ma presentation included colors and textures to be used on the design finish and the color palette was pleasant." All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Landrum asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING TOWN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

### **Manager's Report**

Boyd Veal, Town Manager, informed the Council that he is working to update the Town's website. He said he will be meeting with Department Heads to discuss the functionality they need in a website.

Mr. Veal said the auditors had been in the Town offices last week. He said they came with an expanded staff and spent 3 days. He said that they were very thorough.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the installation of new meters is completed. He said the office and field staff worked very hard and did a good job in getting this project completed. He explained that there are a few residential billing issues due to the interaction between the meter reading and billing software. Mr. Veal said that the Town will work through any issues and make adjustments to customers' accounts if needed.

Mr. Veal said the Town is still experiencing parking and traffic issues in the area of Rainbow Lake even though Signal Point parking has been reopened. He said he has asked the Police Department to take pictures of the problems they are seeing. He will then meet with the Police Chief and Public Works Director to seek methods to address the issues. He explained that they will consider signage, while being careful of the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Mayor Landrum asked Mr. Veal about drainage issues at the Town's amphitheater. Mr. Veal explained that just today he had received a proposal from the engineering firm. He explained that staff is also looking to see if the proposed addition at the Library will affect this drainage situation.

### **Other Business**

a. **Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council.**

Mayor Landrum said that this might be the last meeting with Councilmembers Lusk and Graham. He thanked them and said they had shown integrity and character. Councilmember Murdock said she had learned a lot from both of them. Vice Mayor Lusk said it had been a pleasure to serve. Councilmember Graham said it was a privilege and a gift to serve.

b. **Reports from Committees or Boards.** None

c. **Other.** None

**Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the November 23 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Charles Poss, Mayor

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Recorder